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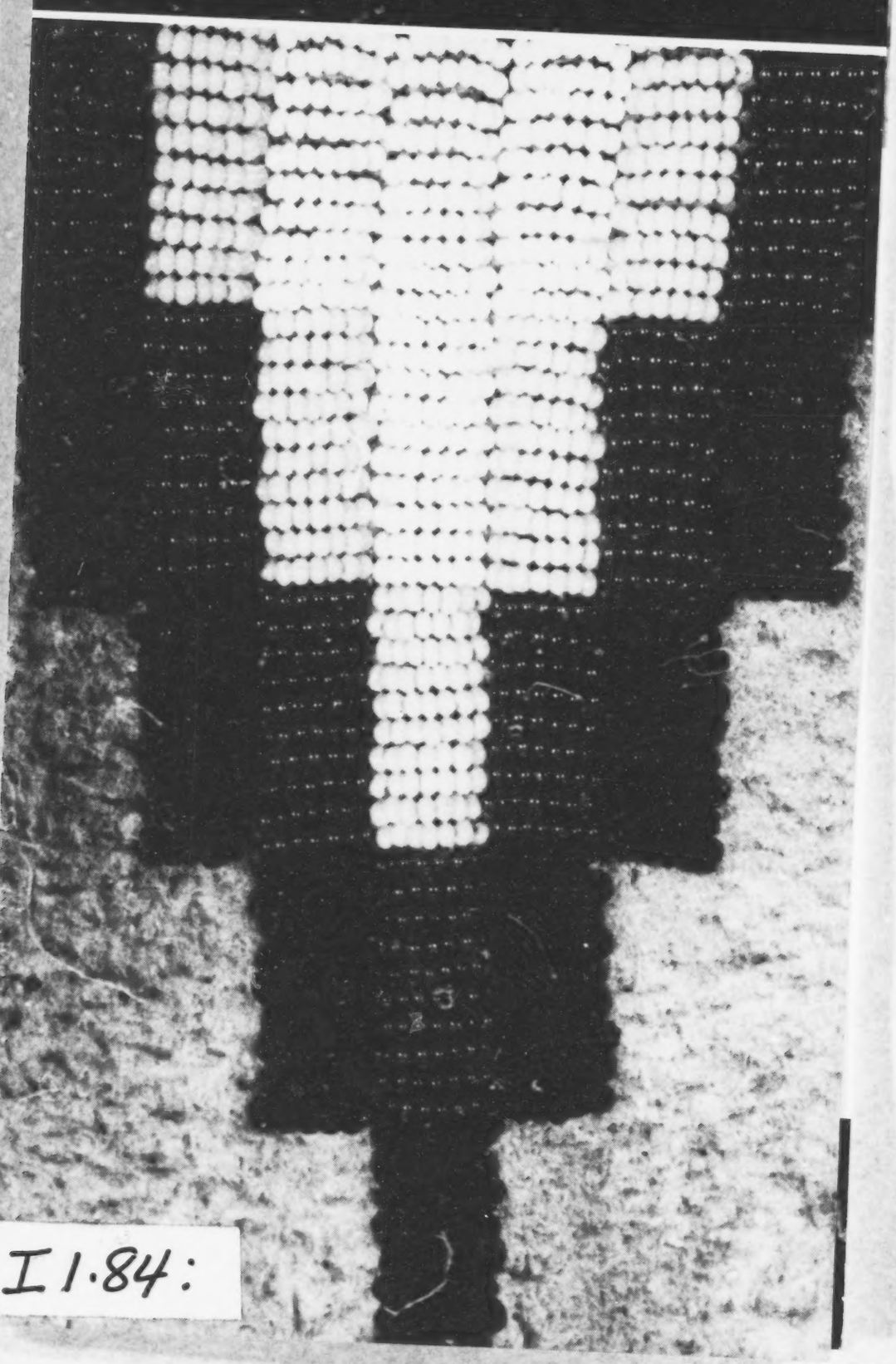
BROWNING, MONTANA



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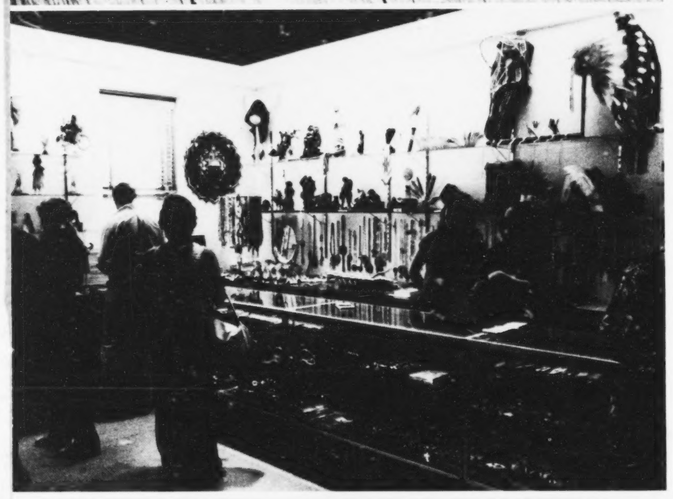

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The Northern Plains Indian Crafts Association, founded in 1942, is an independent business owned by Native American craftsmen from the Northern Plains region. The Association's objectives are to provide a sales outlet for the finest contemporary Native American arts and crafts products, and to help promote the careers of outstanding Native American artists and craftsmen. In addition to its shop located in the Museum, the Association operates a branch shop in Billings, Montana.

The Association offers a wide variety of products created by artists and craftsmen of the various tribes of the Northern Plains region. Beadwork products include moccasins, Indian dance accessories, as well as modern fashion accessories such as beaded purses, cigarette, glasses and check cover cases, hat bands, hair ornaments, and jewelry. Other fashion items include buckskin gloves, suede jackets, and vests. Additional products are painted rawhide containers, including desk trays and wastebaskets, dolls, figurines and miniatures, Indian pipes, porcupine quill-work items, as well as paintings by Northern Plains Indian artists. Silver and turquoise jewelry by Native American craftsmen of the Southwest is also offered. The Association is known throughout the United States for the fine quality, originality, and authenticity of its products.

For information about mail order and a product price list, send a stamped self-addressed business-size envelope to:

Northern Plains Indian Crafts Association
P.O. Box E
Browning, MT 59417
Telephone: (406) 338-5661

The Northern Plains Indian Crafts Association is certified by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board as a Native American enterprise dealing in genuine Native American handcrafted products. Look for this certification mark on the Association's tags which assures the quality and authenticity of the piece you are purchasing.

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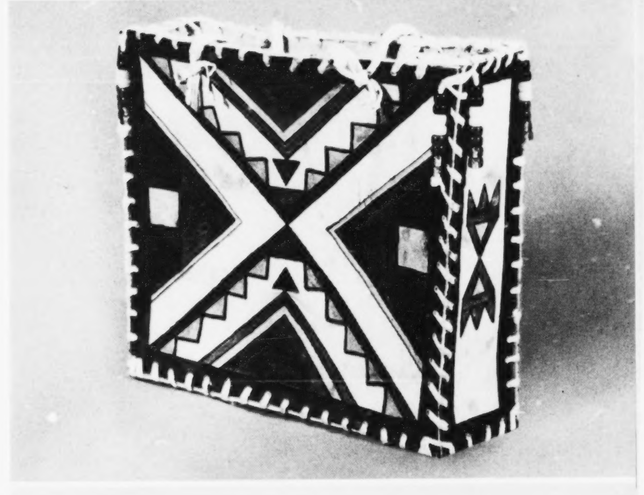

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EXHIBITIONS

The exhibition program of the Museum of the Plains Indian is devoted to the creative achievements of Native American artists and craftsmen of the United States, past and present.

A permanent exhibition gallery presents the richness and diversity of historic arts created by the tribal peoples of the Northern Plains, including the Blackfeet, Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Sioux, Assiniboine, Arapaho, Shoshone, Nez Perce, Flathead, Chippewa, and Cree. Highlighting the historic exhibitions is a display of the varied traditional costumes of Northern Plains men, women, and children, presented in compiete detail on life-size figures. Other historic displays are devoted to the numerous art forms related to the social and ceremonial aspects of the tribal cultures of the region.

Also on view is WINDS OF CHANGE, a five-screen multi-media presentation about the evolution of Indian cultures on the Northern Plains, narrated by the distinguished actor, Vincent Price, and produced for the Museum by Montana State University.

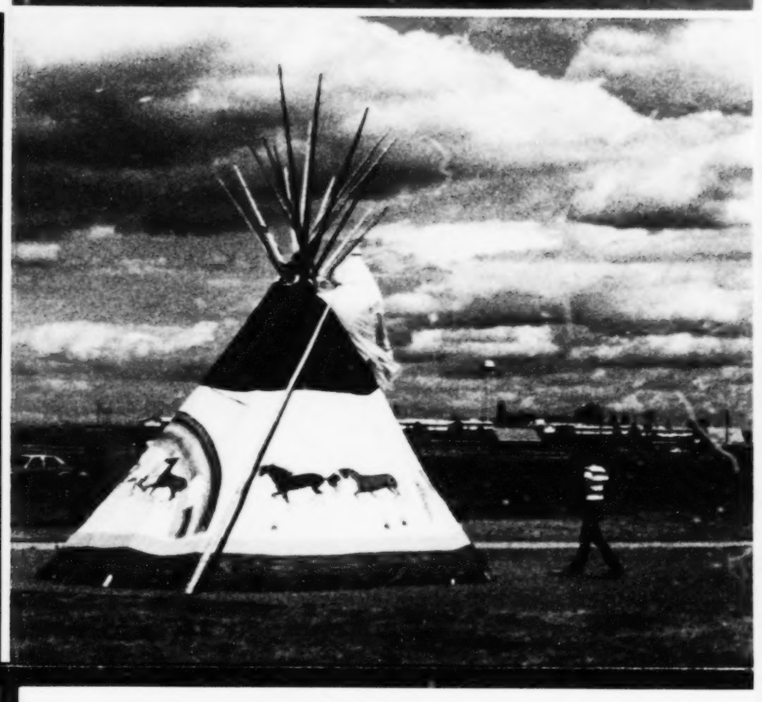
In its changing exhibition galleries the Museum organizes and presents, in cooperation with the Northern Plains Indian Crafts Association, a variety of special exhibitions which, in a visually stimulating and instructive way, examine the various aspects of design and the esthetic achievement of contemporary Native American arts and crafts.

Major definitive exhibitions, devoted to important facets of contemporary Native American arts, explore significant achievements in various media and specialized forms.

An annual series of one-person exhibitions promotes the creative work of individual Native American artists and craftsmen. Preview openings for each exhibition provide the public with an opportunity to meet the featured artist or craftsman. Many of the contemporary works presented in the one-person exhibitions are available for purchase by the public. Sales are handled by the Northern Plains Indian Crafts Association.

Architectural decorations of the Museum building, all devoted to historic Indian cultural subjects, include two carved wood panels at the entrance by the noted Blackfeet sculptor, John Clarke, and a series of murals in the lobby by Victor Pepion, Blackfeet artist.

During the summer season, a display of painted tipis is featured on the Museum grounds where visitors may also view a monument dedicated to a 1931 sign language conference attended by an intertribal group of experts in Plains Indian handgesture language.



PUBLICATIONS

Illustrated catalogs prepared for major special exhibitions presented by the Museum program are published by cooperating Native American arts organizations. These sales publications are available through the Northern Plains Indian Crafts Association whose shop is located in the Museum. A mail order listing of sales publications may be obtained by writing the Association, P.O. Box E, Browning, MT 59417.

Other Museum publications include brochures that document the one-person exhibition series. Single copies of these brochures are free, and may be requested by writing to the Museum of the Plains Indian, P.O. Box 400, Browning, MT 59417.

SPECIAL EVENTS

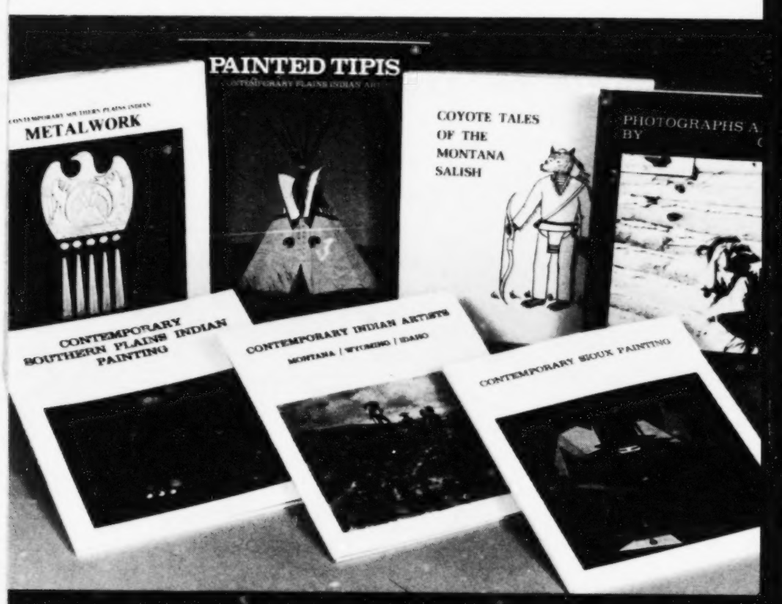
Demonstrations of Native American arts and crafts techniques in a variety of media are periodically presented by the Museum, usually in conjunction with a major exhibition. The demonstrations are conducted by outstanding Native American artists and craftsmen who are specialists in their respective fields.

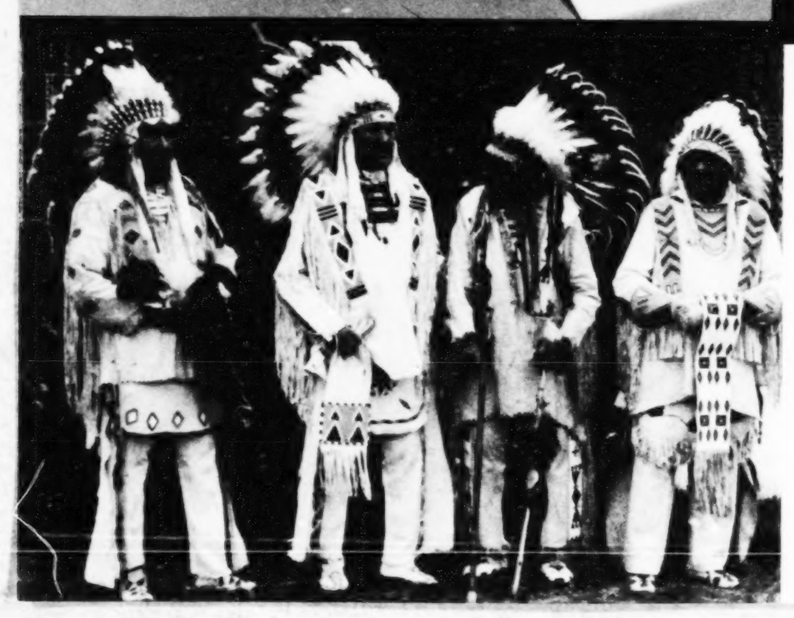
The Museum also hosts events honoring Native Americans who have achieved fame in literature, the performing arts, and other areas of artistic endeavor.

TOURS

Tours at the Museum of the Plains Indian provide an introduction to the diversity, vitality, and esthetic attainments of Northern Plains Indian arts. Gallery discussions of current special exhibitions are also provided. Tours and gallery discussions are by prescheduled appointment only. Schools and other groups are especially invited.

For appointments and information, call (406) 338-2230.





NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS

North American Indian Days is a major annual public event presented during the month of July in Browning, Montana. The celebration is located at the Blackfeet Tribal Fairgrounds, adjacent to the Museum of the Plains Indian. Comprising one of the largest gatherings of United States and Canadian tribes in the northwest, the celebration is a four-day program of Indian dancing, games and sports events, an encampment, and parades. For exact dates and more information, contact:

North American Indian Days Committee
Blackfeet Tribal Council
P.O. Box 850
Browning, MT 59417
Telephone: (406) 338-7276

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The Museum of the Plains Indian exhibits the creative achievements of Native American artists and craftsmen of the United States. A permanent exhibit presents the rich diversity of historic arts of the tribal peoples of the Northern Plains, and two special exhibition galleries are devoted to changing presentations promoting the creative works of outstandingly talented contemporary Native American artists and craftsmen.

The Museum's sales shop, which offers a wide variety of authentic, contemporary Native American arts and crafts products, is operated by the Northern Plains Indian Crafts Association, an independent Indian-owned business enterprise.

The Museum of the Plains Indian, founded in 1941, is administered by the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, an independent Federal agency located in the U. S. Department of the Interior, whose purpose is to promote the development of contemporary Native American arts of the United States.

LOCATION: U. S. Highway 89 west of Browning, Montana.

ADMISSION: Free.

SEASON AND HOURS:

June-Sept., Daily, 9 AM-5 PM.
Oct.-May, Mon.-Fri., 10 AM-4:30 PM.
Closed: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas.

PHOTOGRAPHY: For permission to photograph in the galleries, inquire at the information desk, or call (406) 338-2230. Photography is prohibited in the craft shop operated by the Northern Plains Indian Crafts Association.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Browning, MT 59417
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INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS BOARD

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board was established in 1935 as an independent agency of the Federal Government. Located in the U. S. Department of the Interior, the Board serves Indians, Eskimos, Aleuts, and the general public as an informational, promotional, and advisory clearinghouse for all matters pertaining to the development of authentic Native American arts and crafts of the United States. Through its varied activities, the Board aims to promote the many cultural achievements of contemporary Native American artists and craftsmen, to create demand and interest in the production of authentic products, and to provide the stimulation necessary to broaden markets and production resulting in direct economic benefits to Native American peoples.

In addition to the Museum of the Plains Indian, the Indian Arts and Crafts Board administers the Sioux Indian Museum in Rapid City, South Dakota, and the Southern Plains Indian Museum in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Misrepresentation of imitation Native American arts is a major concern of the Board. In addition to providing consumer information about how to avoid misrepresentation, the Board refers reported cases of misrepresentation to the proper Federal and state enforcement agencies.

To assist consumers interested in acquiring authentic Native American arts and crafts products, the Board publishes a SOURCE DIRECTORY listing Native American owned and operated organizations and businesses located throughout the United States which market contemporary Native American arts and crafts.

To request a free copy of the SOURCE DIRECTORY, as well as to obtain other information concerning contemporary Native American arts and crafts, please write to:

Indian Arts and Crafts Board
Room 4004
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240
Telephone: (202) 343-2773